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After further consideration, it is noted that claim 1 is not generic. It reads only on species I, as opposed to the elected species II. The elected species II does not have "an end plane of said inside electrode located only within said ink chamber trench is exposed at said another end plane". Particularly when the filling member 26 (see Figure 8) is completely filled the portion at said another end. Hence, the end plane of said inside electrode cannot be possibly be exposed at said another end plane as recited in claim 1. As a result, the election deemed improper because none of the claims of Group I is read on the elected species II. Since the above-mentioned election appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ANOTHER ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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